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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Chairman, National Intelligence Council
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM:

SUBJECT: Senior Review Panel Comments on Zaire IIM

1. In my haste to get the IIM underway, I regret that the NIO/AF office inadvertently omitted routing the Terms of Reference to the Senior Review Panel when they were finalized. This paper was requested by the Bureau of African Affairs. The paper was not intended to be a broad survey of the Zairian political scene. It is narrowly focused to analyze in depth questions that the Bureau specifically asked to be addressed in order that readers would have a better grasp of why Zaire is in such desperate economic shape, and Mobutu's role in setting the country on such a disastrous course. The Bureau, with the concurrence of Deputy Assistant Secretary Lyman, provided the Terms of Reference. The Bureau specifically requested that the background section on Zaire's relations with the IMF be examined extensively in the hope that US policymakers would gain insights from the unsuccessful IMF role in Zaire in order for the US to use the IMF to better assist our friends in Africa.

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